

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for call conferencing, comprising:

detecting an event associated with a conference call, the conference call associated with a plurality of participants; and

communicating one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants ~~; the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.~~
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined and exited the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined and exited the conference call.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants failing to provide a correct pass code when attempting to join the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages are communicated to a chairperson and identify the participant, an incorrect pass code provided by the participant, and the correct pass code.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call exiting the conference call; and
 - the one or more instant messages indicate that the conference call will end after a specified amount of time.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the event comprises one of the participants transferring the conference call from one communication device to another communication device; and
 - the one or more instant messages indicate that the participant transferred communication devices.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the event comprises an end to the conference call;
 - the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and
 - further comprising:
 - receiving one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;
 - tabulating the answers; and
 - communicating one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for call conferencing, comprising:

one or more ports operable to receive at least one channel of a plurality of channels for a communication session, the at least one channel having information from at least two of a plurality of conference call participants; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

detect an event associated with the conference call; and

communicate one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants, ~~the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.~~

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.
15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:
the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.
16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants failing to provide a correct pass code when attempting to join the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages are communicated to a chairperson and identify the participant, an incorrect pass code provided by the participant, and the correct pass code.
17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:
the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages indicate that the conference call will end after a specified amount of time.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants transferring the conference call from one communication device to another communication device; and

the one or more instant messages indicate that the participant transferred communication devices.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises an end to the conference call;

the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and

the one or more processors are further collectively operable to:

receive one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;

tabulate the answers; and

communicate one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.

20. (Currently Amended) A media application server comprising one or more processors operable for executing instructions for:

detecting an event associated with a conference call, the conference call associated with a plurality of participants; and

communicating one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants, ~~the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.~~

21. (Previously Presented) The media application server of Claim 20, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.

22. (Previously Presented) The media application server of Claim 20, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.

23. (Previously Presented) The media application server of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.
24. (Previously Presented) The media application server of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.
25. (Previously Presented) The media application server of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises an end to the conference call;
the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and
further comprising computer readable program code for:
receiving one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;
tabulating the answers; and
communicating one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.

26. (New) The method of Claim 4 wherein the one or more instant messages is communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.